

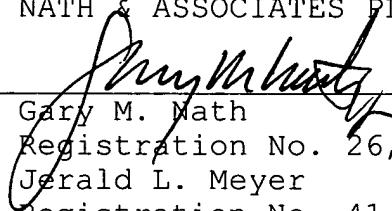
REMARKS

The claims have been amended to clarify the subject matter and remove multiple dependencies. The amendments and newly added claim do not add any new matter within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §132.

Early action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CLEAN COPY OF CLAIMS AMENDED:**

(Amended) 10. Apparatus according to claim 6,  
characterized in that the cooling means (46) is  
arranged at a position in which the decorative  
layer (48) is already applied on the strand of  
plastic material (20).

**MARKED-UP COPY OF CLAIM AMENDMENTS:**

(Amended) 10. Apparatus according to claim 6 [and 7],  
characterized in that the cooling means (46) is  
arranged at a position in which the decorative  
layer (48) is already applied on the strand of  
plastic material (20).